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The Secretary-General of the United Nations presents his compliments to the President of the Security Council and, in accordance with paragraph 8 of Security Council resolution 816 (1993), has the honour to bring to his attention further information received by UNPROFOR regarding apparent violations of the ban on flights in the airspace of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Between 18 and 20 March 1994, there appear to have been 8 flights of fixed- or rotary-wing aircraft in the airspace of Bosnia and Herzegovina other than those exempted in accordance with paragraph 1 of resolution 816 (1993) or approved by UNPROFOR in accordance with paragraph 2 of that resolution. Details as to the itinerary of flights in this reporting period are attached as the annex to this note verbale.

The total number of flights assessed as apparent violations is now 1,536.

ANNEX

Information on flights in the airspace of Bosnia and Herzegovina not authorized by the United Nations Protection Force

(18 - 20 March 1994)

SRL	DATE	START	END	REMARKS	HEADING SPEED ALT.
1551	18 Mar	09.55	13.30	This flight began as an UNPROFOR approved MEDEVAC of a green MI-8 helicopter (Tail No. 12369) with a Serb flag and red cross, from Pale to Zvornik. It became a violation when it deviated from its approved flight plan by returning to Pale two hours after its scheduled return. The unauthorized flight occurred in an area controlled by Bosnian Serbs.	Unknown Slow Low
1552	18 Mar	12.30	12.35	UNPROFOR personnel observed a white MI-8 helicopter with blue stripes and red cross taking off from Zenica and departing in a southeast direction. The unauthorized flight occurred in an area controlled by the Government of Bosnia and Herzegovina.	Southeast Slow Low
1553	18 Mar	12.40	12.43	UNPROFOR personnel observed a MI-8 helicopter with a Serbian flag landing at Zvornik helipad. Some soldiers disembarked. The helicopter took off immediately afterwards preventing the Military Observer from inspecting it. When asked, he was told that this was the MEDEVAC flight No. 489. However, the red cross and the tail number given by the Monitoring and Close Air Support Coordination Centre (MCCC) were missing. The unauthorized flight occurred in an area controlled by Bosnian Serbs.	Unknown Slow Low
1554	18 Mar	13.20	13.25	UNPROFOR personnel observed a white helicopter with blue stripes 15 kilometres southwest of Vitez, heading west. The unauthorized flight occurred in an area controlled by the Government of Bosnia and Herzegovina.	Southwest Slow Low
1555	19 Mar	09.14	09.15	UNPROFOR personnel observed a white and blue MI-8 helicopter at Zenica, heading east. The unauthorized flight occurred in an area controlled by the Government of Bosnia and Herzegovina.	East Low Slow
1556	19 Mar	09.45	09.46	UNPROFOR personnel observed a white and blue MI-8 helicopter near Tuzla airport, heading north. The unauthorized flight occurred in an area controlled by the Government of Bosnia and Herzegovina.	North Low Slow
1557	19 Mar	13.42	14.58	AWACS made radar contact with a track 15 kilometres south of Tuzla, heading southwest. NATO fighter aircraft visually identified the track as a MI-8 helicopter with white markings. The helicopter landed at Zenica. UNPROFOR personnel observed the same helicopter landing at Zenica. The unauthorized flight occurred in an area controlled by Government of Bosnia and Herzegovina.	West Low Slow
1558	20 Mar	11.20	14.42	This flight began as an UNPROFOR approved MEDEVAC of a green MI-8 helicopter (Tail No. 12369) with a Serb flag and red cross, from Pale to Zvornik. It became a violation when it deviated from its approved flight plan by returning to Pale two hours and 20 minutes after its scheduled return. The unauthorized flight occurred in an area controlled by Bosnian Serbs.	Unknown Slow Slow